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## SOLDIER BOYS HAVE THEIR LUAU

### A Big Evening at Regimental Shed.

### Governor Dole Makes a Notable Speech.

### National Guardsmen Entertain Many Distinguished Guests.

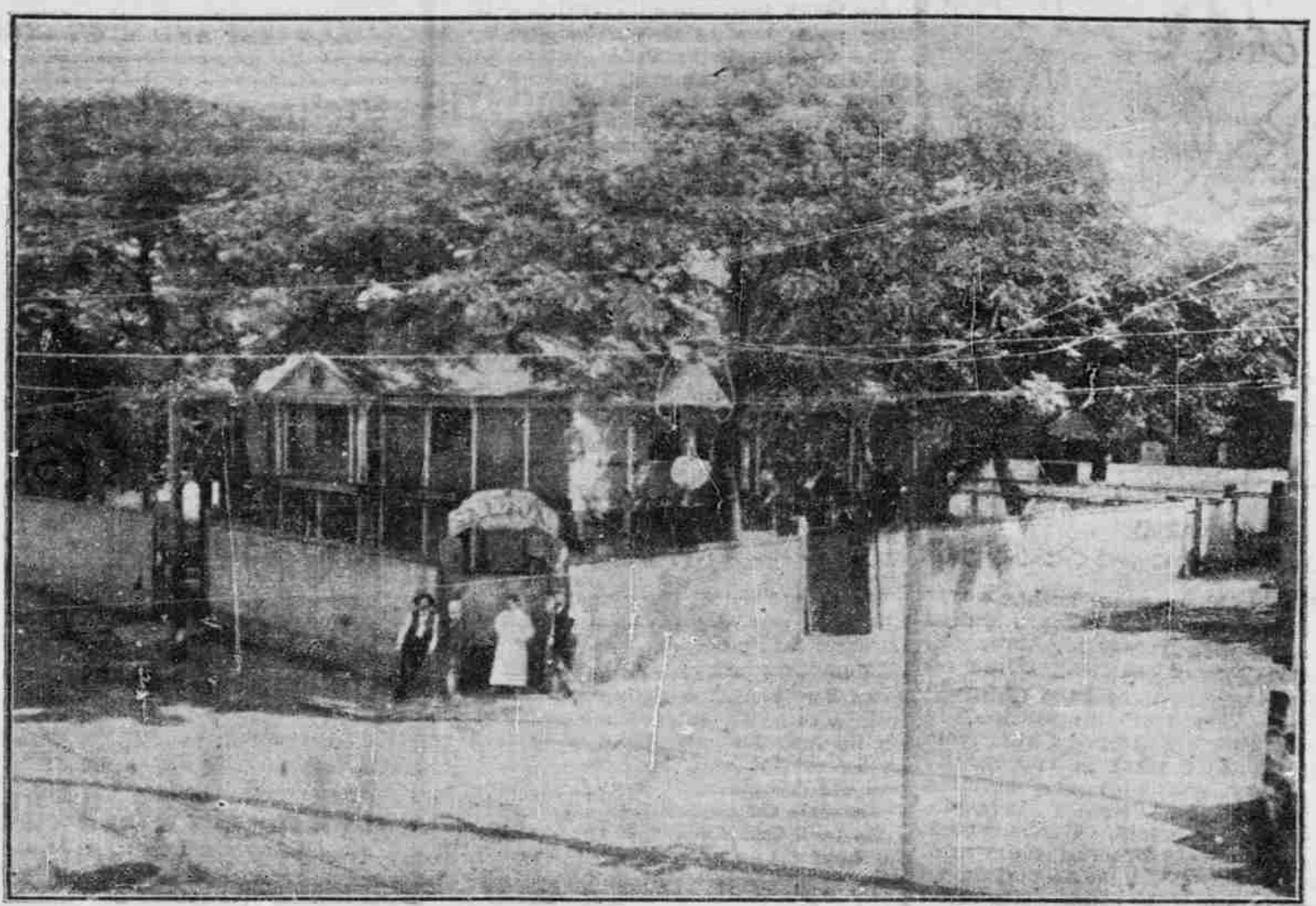
The old drill shed was the scene last evening of one of the greatest military gatherings in years when Company "F," of the First Regiment, National Guard of Hawaii, winner of the silver cup trophy in the recent competition drill in which it received the high percentage of 99.3, entertained Governor Dole, the commander-in-chief of the Territorial forces, the Delegate-elect, members of the Legislature, the Governor's staff, regimental, army and navy officers and Companies "E" and "G," who competed for the trophy.

The drill shed was resplendent in an array of American and Hawaiian flags, rosettes of red, white and blue almost concealing the walls. One huge American flag was hung across the hall hiding the entrance and enclosing a portion of the space in which six tables were laden with turkey, meats, poi, fish, luau, fruits, soda and beer. One long table placed at right angles to these was occupied by the Governor, Col. Jones, the toastmaster, and special guests. In the upper end of the handsomely draped drill shed were floral emblems designating Company "F's" recent achievement and the cup itself was raised on a high pedestal in view of all the guests. The Hawaiian Government band, under the leadership of Captain Berger, occupied a space at this end. Captain Samuel Johnson and the officers and enlisted men of Company "F" occupied a table in the center.

Governor Dole was the guest of honor and on his right sat Col. Jones, commanding officer of the First Regiment, and on his left, Senator Crabbe, president of the Senate. At Col. Jones' left was Hon. F. W. Beckley, Speaker of the House, and others on the same side of the table were Captain Pearce, Lieut. Harry Newton and Lieut. Robinson, U. S. A., judges in the competition; Prince Cupid, Attorney-General Andrews, Captain Williamson, U. S. A., Adj.-Gen. Soper, and members of the Legislature.

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## COMMERCIAL HOTEL NO MORE



The Old Commercial Hotel, Corner of Nuuanu and Beretania Streets, Now Being Removed.

Built in 1845, maintained as a place of entertainment since the beginning of the following year until about the first of the present year, the old Commercial hotel, at the corner of Beretania and Nuuanu streets, is no more. It has been reduced to the first story now and within the coming week the lot which it adorned for many years and cumbered for more, will be cleared and may yet be the site of a modern brick building.

No more interesting place existed in Honolulu than the old Commercial, and not one of the men whose memories live in the days of a half century past but has a story to tell as to the good times which had their being about the popular corner, and from the tales told there might be built up a fair history of the days of old, of the gayeties, of the excesses, of the habits of the people, and memories which cling about names all but forgotten.

The Commercial hotel was built in 1845 by Henry Macfarlane who had arrived in Honolulu some months before, his stop being entirely accidental, as he was on his way with his bride, in his own vessel, to California when stress of need of medical attendance for Mrs. Macfarlane made the call here necessary. Finding old friends from Scotland, such as Dr. Rooke, the young couple decided to stay, and after a short period of partnership with J. O. Carter, in the Mansion House, which stood at Beretania and Garden lane, Mr. Macfarlane decided to build the Commercial. It was a great building for the days. It was so well built that those who have watched the destruction of its walls have marvelled at their strength. The front was all new, a smaller building behind being incorporated in it.

The ground floor was fitted for the cafe and dining rooms, and above stairs there were sleeping rooms, a billiard room and a buffet for refreshments. The advertisement of the opening of this unique place of entertainment is found first in the Polynesian, of January 3rd, 1846, and is as follows:

"Commercial Hotel, Honolulu.  
"Henry Macfarlane respectfully informs the merchants and other gentlemen residing on Oahu, as also the cap-

tains and officers of vessels frequenting this port, that he has opened the above hotel, at the corner of the road leading to Nuuanu Valley, just past the residence of Dr. Rooke.

"H. McF. has taken into consideration the want of comfortable sleeping rooms for strangers in Oahu, and has so provided for their future wants in that respect, that he trusts, while he indemnifies himself for the considerable expense he has incurred in altering and adding to his house, that his efforts to accommodate and add to the comforts of his patrons, will be attended with the desired success.

"The charges for board and lodging are reasonable, with every regard to neatness and good attendance.

"H. McF. has on hand and will at all times be supplied with wines of superior quality, Spirits, pure and unadulterated, Ale and Porter of the Dunbar and other celebrated marks, Lemon Syrup, Peppermint, Syrup, Lemonade, Soda Water, &c. And last, though not least, the situation of the house is so salubrious that those who have once been so kind as to patronize the establishment, will leave it with regret and anticipate a return to it with feelings of delight."

The house had a billiard room above stairs and on the Waikiki side there was a bowling alley. Further away up Beretania street was Webster's stables, where were kept a large number of saddle horses, which was hardly sufficient to mount the crowds of whaling captains and mates who, as the sailor of today, got ashore only to get a horse and ride like mad through the country.

From the first the place sprung into popularity. The business men of the city, who had gathered at the smaller Mansion house before the new place was opened, congregated there for their evening chat. There was as much business done perhaps in its rooms as downtown during the day, and the good livers among the business men of that day were always ready to make up dinner parties and enjoy the feasts which were spread there.

The billiard rooms and buffet were always filled with patrons and the people were willing to get up games at all hours. It was the custom of a quartet of whaling captains to purchase a barrel of bottles of beer, roll the barrel into the bowling alley and there

roll ten pins until the question of who should pay the bill was settled. There was little money in small pieces in those days, and when a crowd of sailors started out for one of their kind of good times, it was to throw a slug of gold on a bar and stand up to the counter until they had consumed the liquor that could be purchased by the piece.

There was no lack of life when the whalers were in port, and then it was that the races would take place. The captains and mates, the boat steersmen, and in fact every member of a whaling crew, when the times were good, had money to bet and the race course, which was a straight away on the lines somewhat of Wilder Avenue, was lined with excited people. The boys riding were amateurs, and the horses were usually pickup runners, but the sport was high and the gold pieces were showered on the lads who rode the horses to victory. In fact it was the custom of the day, when a lad wanted cash to simply whiff a horse which had been tied up by a whaling captain, and stand holding the bridle rein until the captain came out of the house where he was visiting, and the result was always a gift of substance.

But to the hotel. Mr. Macfarlane kept it for more than ten years, and then leased it to Godfrey Rhodes, and it was in that possession when suddenly Mr. Macfarlane died, when just about to leave for Auckland, where he had business interests, which he wanted to settle up to stay here for the remainder of his life. Mr. Rhodes was made the executor of the estates and guardian of the minors, and he conducted the place through sub-lessees for many years, among those who had charge of it being the late James Lemon, under whose management it was beautified and became even more popular, but was not quite so remunerative, for the good old days had gone by. There E. S. Cunha began his career, Silva, well known, was there, and others of the old time men about town served the public in the famous old place.

During its heyday it was the place where the Kings met with the business men after the hours of work and sought relaxation. There are said to have been as many measures brought into life in the conversations of the upper rooms

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## U. S. SENATE PASSES IMMIGRATION MEASURE

### A Chapter of Serious Accidents by Rail, Flood, Fire and Explosion.

### Serious Epidemic of Diphtheria in a New York Town---The Mississippi River Rising---A San Francisco Tragedy.

(ASSOCIATED PRESS CABLEGRAMS.)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—The Senate has passed the immigration bill. In the House the Democrats continue to filibuster, but the omnibus public building bill was passed.

### Murder and Suicide.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 28.—Joseph Fritz killed M. Morrison today and wounded his stenographer. He then committed suicide. Difficulties over a partnership were the cause. The tragedy occurred in a real estate office.

### Southern States Flooded.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Feb. 28.—A spring freshet is general throughout the South. Nine dead and thirty injured are reported from various sections. The Mississippi is rising rapidly and threatening the levees.

### Tragedy on the Rail.

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., Feb. 28.—A passenger train was wrecked near here today. Three were killed and twenty-four injured.

### Epidemic of Diphtheria.

MORRISTOWN, N. Y., Feb. 28.—An epidemic of diphtheria here has caused twenty deaths. All business houses are closed.

### Perils of Travel.

SYRACUSE, Feb. 28.—In an accident to the Buffalo Limited train on the New York Central railroad today two men were killed.

### Big Fire in Halifax.

HALIFAX, Feb. 28.—A fire occurring in the business district of this city today caused a loss of half a million dollars.

### Lihue's New Postmaster.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—Frank Crawford has been appointed postmaster at Lihue, Kauai, H. T.

### The Blizzard in Kansas.

TOPEKA, Feb. 28.—A blizzard is raging in Kansas. Traffic is impeded and cattle are suffering.

### Two Men Blown Up.

LATROBE, Feb. 28.—In an explosion occurring here today two men were killed.

## PROF. ALEXANDER ON THE ARCHIVES OF OLD HAWAII

"The United States Government may have the legal right to take away the archives of Hawaii and place them in the Library of Congress at Washington, but it will inflict a moral wrong upon this Territory, and I think it is the duty of all here to resist any such attempt." Prof. Curtis J. Lyons thus spoke of a matter which is receiving considerable attention from prominent men in the city and there is certain to be opposition to any effort of the Federal government to carry out the proposition recently made to Prof. Alexander by Worthington C. Ford of Washington. Prof. Lyons and Prof. Alexander have been warmed up to the subject and both declare it would be a shame that the old Hawaiian archives should ever be permitted to be taken out of the Territory.

"Hawaii is not a conquered country that the Federal Government should as a matter of privilege and conquest decide to wrest the important papers away from us," said Prof. Lyons. "Hawaii came into the union of states and territories of its own volition. It be-

came an integral part of the nation without recourse to the sword.

"California has recently been placed in the same position which threatens Hawaii, but being a sovereign state having authority of her own, the Secretary of the Interior, who proposed to take the old Spanish archives away, has backed down and will permit them to remain where they are." Prof. Lyons called attention to the following editorial in the Chronicle of February 16:

A desire seems to have taken possession of the Secretary of the Interior to transfer the old Spanish archives of California to Washington, and an order has been issued by him to the Surveyor-General, who is their present custodian, to send them at once to the Congressional Library. These archives comprise 302 bound volumes. They embrace the records of the Spanish land grants, which form the basis of most of the California land titles; military reports, reports of the early missions, proceedings of the Alcalde courts, and a great variety of other manuscripts bearing upon the government and people of

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## A SUSPICIOUS MOVE IN THE CASE OF B. H. WRIGHT

B. H. Wright's lawyers are fighting hard. Yesterday they filed the affidavit of a Portuguese, one Manuel T. Furtado, said to be a police court lawyer, that Captain J. H. Black, foreman of the jury that convicted Wright, had said in public that, when he went on the jury, he had a settled opinion of Wright's guilt. Also that he spoke of "easy money" in jury service.

Black has had long jury experience. He denies that he ever made the statement attributed to him by Furtado and says only a fool would say such a thing as Furtado charges him with saying. He claims that he was not on Hotel street at the time mentioned in the affidavit, and states that the affidavit is not the truth.

The affidavit does not state that the matter was not known to Wright's attorneys before the conclusion of the trial nor why it was not sooner called to the attention of the court. Furtado

is said to have stated that he did not think to notify the attorneys of Wright sooner because he had thought that Black was "joshing."

Judge De Bolt declined to hear the matter yesterday morning saying that the affidavit could be presented at the hearing of the motion for a new trial on Tuesday.

Furtado was admitted to practice by Judge Gear and is now trying for admission to the Supreme Court.

Yesterday Captain Black sent the Advertiser this communication:

Editor Advertiser: Will you please give space to the following:

The undersigned learns with surprise of a statement, said to have been made by one Manuel T. Furtado, a member of the last trial jury in Judge De Bolt's court and which said jury had considered the case of one B. Haywood Wright, charged with embezzlement. I have only this to say, I have no personal acquaintance with the said Furtado but will prove him to be a premeditated liar, with some ulterior object in view.

Thanking you for this privilege.

J. H. BLACK.  
Honolulu, H. T., Feb. 28, 1903.



GEORGE WASHINGTON.

From a hitherto unpublished painting made by his physician, Dr. C. E. Dick, in 1799.